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The reduc of the Bay of Pigs private as has my approval I have expressed my approval publicly since the first possibility of its accomplishment

In my opinion, personal considerations do not count. It is not because I have a brotherin-law among the prisoners that I approve of a ransom operation. To me, 1,113 brothers are being rescued.

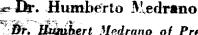
When they arrive here they will reinforce our obligation to rescue other thousands of brothers still in prison; they will strengthen our urgent sense of duty to join in the struggle to salvage Cuba, together with the other millions of our brothers still living inoppression.

I approve, then, in the first place because there can be no valid moral reason to oppose
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In the second place I approve because I do not hold with the reasoning that calls this rescue operation an aid to Castro's political survival.

Fidel Castro's political survival does not depend on a few tons of medicine, robdstuffs and surgical supplies. It is possible that these supplies eventually will alleviate some of the suffering of the Cuban people temporarily, but it will neither justify nor prolong the rule of the tify nor prolong the rule of the

hangmen. The enormous guilt of their crimes against the people weighs heavily upon them. It is deeply imbedded in their cold-blooded treason and in their deliberate and systematic destruction of our moral and material fiber. It will not be crassed everyight. The long be erased evernight. The long period of reconstruction will keep it alive,



Dr. Humbert Medrano of Presna ibre in Exile approves the exchange feprisoners for medical goods as noral ofigation to save the L.F. on torture and slow death. Me zano does not see the aid as assisting astro's continued reign, but as a nomentary relief for the Cubans in their homeland.



re the selfishness and greed f opportunists who feel no kinhip to their fellow humans in tragedy; or who use it to their advantage. A mong these we sust include the ignorant and he weak who allow themselves be used: we also include the willing accomplices among

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There is nothing unusual in he first factor. It is a common ne in the course of world hisorv.

There is nothing unusual in the second factor either but this one is unforgivable. Because unless we join together, all of us, to face the com-mon enemy, we shall never attain the moral force to overcome him, nor even to point the finger at those who suppert him by direct action or by sins of omission.

The fhird circumstance to onsider, we believe, is that the one hand from our the government of the United the paroued from Release bClAur DP75-00001R000100390003-2 id the paroued fid and consent to the rescue peration of the Bay of Pigs ne government of the United

prisoners, is complying with i moral obligation. This gover ment acknowledges its respon sibility for the Bay of Pigs di aster. Logic, justice and de-cency compell them to repair the damage insofar as it humanly possible to do so.

Those who believe that with this operation the Unite States will write off all of i moral obligations, are mistal en. This is not a nation of m rons or gangsters. The peop of this country know the da ers of Castro-communism. they know their duty eaders of the free world.

We have never seen Unc Sam draw back in the face er or duty. If any govern what oever, should fail to fo low his tradition, then th people of this nation are su ficiently aware of their right to demand action; especial when their own survival is

Finally, I do not see this liberation of prisoners as a shameful pact for coexistence. This is a separate, isolated, concrete and necessary opera-tion to salvage human lives and live up to national commitments.

Let us not forget that there are many thousands of Cubans here who did not come for recovere, but to fight. This is a first that nothing — nobely deprive us of, so lo as we ourselves are willing make use of it.